Foreign Collaboration in Operating Telephone Services in Maharashtra and Gujarat

2650. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release some more telephone connections in Rural areas in the state of Maharashtra and Gujarat in the year 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith their numbers district-wise and time limit by which they will be operative;

(c) by when Government envisage spreading communications network to every nook and corner of the State of Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(d) whether some foreign companies have agreed to jointly or privately coming in the field and provide their assistance in the State of Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the details thereof with their names and the districts in which these intend to operate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As given in Statement-I *(See* below). All these connections are likely to become operative by March, 1995.

(c) This is likely to be achieved by March, 1997.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) As given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

District-wise details of Telephone Connections Planned to be Released During 1994-95 in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat in the Rural Areas

(A) MAHARASHTRA

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Connections
1.	Akola	750
2.	Amravati	395
3.	Bhandara	445
4.	Buldhana	395
5.	Chandrapur	515
6.	Gadchiroli	285
7.	Wardha	385
8.	Yeotmal	865
9.	Jalgaon	405
10.	Raigad	239
11.	Kolhapur	1081
12.	Ratnagiri	535
13.	Sindhdurg	430
14.	Sangli	485
15.	Satara	545
16.	Solapur	540
17.	Nasik	240
18.	Dhule	450
19.	Ahmednagar	785
20.	Aurangabad	405
21.	Jalna	360
22.	Beed	580
23.	Latur	770
24.	Osmanabad	355
25.	Nanded	640
26.	Prabhani	630
27.	Thane	435
28.	Nagpur	649
29.	Pune	925
	TOTAL :	15,619

(B) GUJARAT

SI. No.	Name of District	No. of Connections	SI. No.	Name of District	No. of Connections
1.	Ahmedabad	590	11.	Kutch	400
2.	Amreli	180	12.	Mehsana	1740
3.	Banaskantha	900	13.	Panchmahal	490
4.	Bhavnagar	330	14.	Rajkot	810
5.	Bharuch	540	15.	Sabarkantha	790
6.	Dang	10	16.	Surat	3120
7.	Gandhinagar	150	17.	Surendranagar	50
8.	Jamnagar	110	18.	Vadodara	720
9.	Junagadh	320	19.	Valsad	570
10.	Kheda	650			
				TOTAL:	12470

Statement-II

Details of foreign Companies intend to provide assistance in the field of Telephone Services

SI. No.	Name of Foreign Company	J.V.C. with Indian Company	AREA
1.	Qual Comm., USA	GTIOModi	Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Valsad
2.	Qual Comm., USA	Maharashtra Udyogik Vikas Mahamandal	21 Growth Centres in Maharashtra
3.	Singapore Telecom Internatiional	Mahindra & Mahindra	Maharashtra
4.	Motorola, USA	Adino Telecom, Ltd.	Vasai Taluka (Maharashtra)
5.	Qual Comm. USA	Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizer Ltd.	Surat, Valsad Bharuch, Vadodara, Panchmahal, Ahmedabad, Mehsana, Rajkot, Jamnagar & Bhavnagar.
6.	Telecom Asia		Maharashtra
7.	Northern Telecom Ltd., Canada	Global Telesystem Ltd.	Thane, Pune, Nasik & Raigad
8.	Bell Canada International, Canada	Tata Services Ltd.	Gujarat & Maharashtra
9	Hughes Network Systems, USA	Scantel Ltd.	Gujarat

SI. No	Name of Foreign Company	J.V.C. with Indian Company	AREA
10.	AT&T	AT&T India Ltd.	71 Centres (ex-cluding Metro cities) in all over India covering Gujarat & Maharashtra.
11.	Harris Corp., USA	Crompton Greaves Ltd.	Ratnagiri, Sindhudurga, Thane, Raigad, Aurangabad, Jalna, Prabhani, Beed, Nanded, Usmanabad, Latur, Pune, Kolhapur, Solapur, Satara & Sangh.
12.	First Pacific-Networks	Set Telecommunications Pvt. Ltd.	Maharashtra-Ambad, Nasik

Proposal for Providing Telephones on Demand by AT&T

2651. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AT&T submitted to the Foreign Investment Promotion Board a proposal to provide telephone on demand in 71 cities and 1100 rural areas in India within 18—24 months;

(b) if so, whether the same has been scrutinised by the Board and approval granted; and

(c) if not, by when the approval is likely to come from the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY of COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proposal will be considered along with other such proposals after the guidelines for entry of private operators in the basic telecom services have been finalised.

Redressal of Complaints in "241" Exchange of Delhi

2652. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that redressal of subscribers' complaints in Trans-Yamuna Telephone Exchanges in the capital particularly '241' Exchange is not satisfactory;

(b) whether it is a fact that subscribers find it difficult to lodge complaints at 198 as generally calls go unattended;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the complaints, if made, by subscribers are not attended to for days together on the ground that the data regarding complaints was not being fed into the computer;

(d) whether Government arc aware that the authorities such as Assistant Engineer, divisional engineer are not helpful as they often advise subscribers to go personally to the exchange for redressal of their complaints;

(e) whether it is also a fact that a large number of complaints and telegrams from subscribers regarding conversational defects and replacement of equipment, etc. are not attended to; and

(f) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir. Subscribers' complaints are being attended to promptly in "241" exchange which is a part of Laxmi Nagar area.

(b) No Sir. The response on 1982198 is being regularly monitored and is satifactory.

(c) No Sir. Complaints are being attended promptly as and when booked 198*2198.